

Guarantano leads Tennessee to upset of No. 21 Auburn, 30-24

AUBURN, Ala. -- In the sixth game of Jeremy Pruitt's tenure as Tennessee coach, the Volunteers have a victory that shows a clear sign of progress.

Jarrett Guarantano passed for 328 yards and two touchdowns and Tennessee snapped an 11-game SEC losing streak with a 30-24 victory against No. 21 Auburn on Saturday.

The Volunteers (3-3, 1-2) forced three turnovers from Auburn's lackluster offense, intercepting Jarrett Stidham twice and getting a strip sack that resulted in touchdown by Alontae Taylor.

Tennessee beat Auburn for the first time since 1999, breaking a six-game skid and defeated an Southeastern Conference West Division team for the first time since 2007 against Arkansas.

The Tigers (4-3, 1-3) are off to their worst SEC start since also going 1/3 in 2015.

Stidham's first pick led to a 42-yard touchdown pass from Guarantano to Ty Chandler to tie the game at 10 in the second quarter.

Guarantano got rolling from there. The sophomore spread the ball around, completing passes to eight different Volunteers, six of which finished with a double-digit average.

"I think (Guarantano) did a really good job today of him having an effect on his teammates," Tennessee coach Jeremy Pruitt said. "We had some guys today that I think played their best football."

Jauan Jennings capped a 12-play, 86-yard drive in the third quarter with a 25-yard touchdown catch to give Tennessee its first lead at 20-17 late in the third quarter.

Two plays later, Stidham was sacked and fumbled at his own 15. After several failed attempts to secure the loose ball Taylor recovered in the end zone.

Stidham, who finished 28 of 45 for 322 yards and two touchdowns to go with his three turnovers, returned on the next drive to echoing boos inside Jordan-Hare.

"I'm very disappointed in our performance," Auburn coach Gus Malzahn said. "I'm disappointed for our players. I'm disappointed for our fans. I'm not happy."

Auburn scored with under a minute remaining on a touchdown pass to Seth Williams, but was unable to recover the onside kick.

The Vols' offense entered the game ranked No. 94 nationally in third-down conversions, but Guarantano dissected the Tigers' secondary on those downs with 11-of-14 passing for 188 yards and a score. The Vols converted 10 of 19 tries on third down.

Guarantano's 328 yards are the most for a Tennessee quarterback since the last time they won a conference game in 2016.

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TENN	3	10	14	3	30
AUB	10	7	0	7	24

**Scoring Summary** -----

	TENN	AUB
<b>FIRST QUARTER</b>		
AUB TD 9:44 Chandler Cox 1 Yd Run (Anders Carlson Kick)	0	7
14 plays, 75 yards, 5:16		
TENN FG 5:24 Brent Cimaglia 42 Yd Field Goal	3	7
8 plays, 50 yards, 4:20		
AUB FG 2:20 Anders Carlson 20 Yd Field Goal	3	10
10 plays, 73 yards, 3:04		
<b>second Quarter</b>		
TENN TD 10:44 Ty Chandler 42 Yd pass from Jarrett Guarantano (Brent Cimaglia Kick) 5 plays, 59 yards, 2:21	10	10
AUB TD 3:26 Anthony Schwartz 76 Yd pass from Jarrett Stidham (Anders Carlson Kick) 2 plays, 79 yards, 0:43	10	17
TENN FG 0:07 Brent Cimaglia 45 Yd Field Goal	13	17
7 plays, 24 yards, 0:37		
<b>third Quarter</b>		
TENN TD 3:25 Jauan Jennings 25 Yd pass from Jarrett Guarantano (Brent Cimaglia Kick) 12 plays, 86 yards, 6:24	20	17
TENN TD 2:34 Alontae Taylor 8 Yd Fumble Return (Brent Cimaglia Kick) 2 plays, -17 yards, 0:47	27	17
<b>fourth Quarter</b>		
TENN FG 9:04 Brent Cimaglia 20 Yd Field Goal	30	17
5 plays, 47 yards, 2:05		
AUB TD 0:37 Seth Williams 14 Yd pass from Jarrett Stidham (Anders Carlson Kick) 13 plays, 88 yards, 1:56	30	24

Team Stats	TENN	AUB
First Downs	16	22
Total Yards	396	448
Total Plays	68	80
Avg Gain Per Play	5.8	5.6
Net Yards Rushing	68	126
Rushes	36	34
Yards Per Rush	1.9	3.7
Net Yards Passing	328	322
Comp-Att	21-32	28-46
Yards Per Pass	10.3	7.0
Times Sacked	3	2
Yds Lost To Sacks	-18	-22
Interceptions	0	2
Punts	4	3
Punt Average	42.8	44.3
Penalties	5	5
Penalty Yards	40	38
Fumbles	0	3
Fumbles Lost	0	1
<b>Possession</b>	<b>34:01</b>	<b>25:59</b>

**Individual Stats**

RUSHING						
	Rush	Yds	Avg	Long	TD	
TENN						
8 Ty Chandler	16	50	3.1	18	0	
9 Tim Jordan	13	26	2.0	18	0	
31 Madre London	1	0	0.0	0	0	
2 Jarrett Guarantano	5	-6	-1.2	12	0	
AUB						
5 Anthony Schwartz	3	44	14.7	18	0	
28 JaTarvious Whitlow	12	42	3.5	8	0	
32 Malik Miller	6	32	5.3	17	0	
25 Shaun Shivers	1	8	8.0	8	0	
23 Ryan Davis	1	5	5.0	5	0	
9 Kam Martin	2	3	1.5	2	0	
27 Chandler Cox	1	1	1.0	1	1	
8 Jarrett Stidham	7	-7	-1.0	10	0	

**PASSING**

	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
TENN							
Jarrett Guarantano	21	32	65.6	10.3	2	0	172.4
AUB							
Jarrett Stidham	28	45	62.2	7.2	2	2	128.1

**RECEIVING**

	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
TENN					
84 Josh Palmer	3	84	28.0	42	0
15 Jauan Jennings	5	71	14.2	25	1
8 Ty Chandler	5	62	12.4	42	1
1 Marquez Callaway	2	55	27.5	30	0
9 Tim Jordan	2	23	11.5	19	0
80 Eli Wolf	1	12	12.0	12	0
7 Brandon Johnson	1	10	10.0	10	0
11 Jordan Murphy	1	7	7.0	7	0
Dominick Wood-Anderson	1	4	4.0	4	0
AUB					
18 Seth Williams	5	85	17.0	23	1
5 Anthony Schwartz	2	83	41.5	76	1
32 Malik Miller	6	57	9.5	23	0
23 Ryan Davis	7	57	8.1	14	0
81 Darius Slayton	2	24	12.0	26	0
80 Sal Cannella	2	9	4.5	8	0
27 Chandler Cox	1	6	6.0	6	0
JaTarvious Whitlow	1	3	3.0	3	0
9 Kam Martin	1	0	0.0	0	0
25 Shaun Shivers	1	-2	-2.0	0	0